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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2019

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2019 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 6.21 million bushels, 5 percent below last year's production of 6.55 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 135.0 bushels per acre is 52.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2019, at 46,000 acres, is 11,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 90,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.80 million tons compared with 2.09 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 3.15 million bushels, is up 100 percent from 2018. Winter wheat producers seeded 360,000 acres in the fall of 2018 for harvest in 2019, up from 320,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain was unchanged from last year at 105,000 acres in 2019. Winter wheat yield, at 30.0 bushels per acre, is up 15.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2019 is estimated at 954,000 tons, up 2 percent from the 2018 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 784,000 tons from 160,000 acres harvested, up 32,000 tons from 2018. Average yield for the 2019 crop is 4.90 tons per acre, 0.20 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 170,000 tons from 85,000 acres harvested, down 10,000 tons from 2018. The average yield of 2.00 tons per acre is unchanged from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 15,000 acres, down 50 percent from 2018.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 330,000 tons of **all hay**, up 32 percent from the 250,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 15.09 million pounds, down 4 percent from the 15.68 million pounds produced in 2018. Growers harvested 4,700 acres this year, compared with 5,500 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 3,210 pounds per acre, up 360 pounds per acre from last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 139,000 480-lb bales, 11 percent above 2018. Area of all cotton harvested, at 52,000 acres, is down 10,800 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,283 pounds per acre, up 324 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 63,000 for 2019, with 47,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 130,000 bales, up 14 percent from the 2018 crop. Yield is estimated at a record high 1,328 pounds per acre, up 351 pounds from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 5,300 for 2019, with 5,000 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2019 American-Pima production is estimated at 9,000 bales with an average yield of 864 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2020 crop year are estimated at 330,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2019.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2019 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 5 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 168.0 bushels per acre, 8.4 bushels below the 2018 yield of 176.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 81.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 133 million tons for 2019, up 9 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2018. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.59 million acres, up 8 percent from the revised 2018 estimate.

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All wheat production totaled 1.92 billion bushels in 2019, up 2 percent from the 2018 total of 1.89 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 51.7 bushels per acre, up 4.1 bushels from the previous year. **Winter wheat** production for 2019 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the 2018 total of 1.18 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 53.6 bushels per acre, was up 5.7 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2019 was estimated at 128.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.4 million acres, down 1 percent from 2018. The average yield, at 2.46 tons per acre, was up 0.12 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2019 was estimated at 54.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 16.7 million acres, was 1 percent above the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.28 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Production of **all other hay** in 2019 totaled 74.0 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 35.7 million acres, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Growers seeded 2.47 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2019, up 11 percent from 2018. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All **hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2019 totaled 84.5 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019 totaled 59.3 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Peanut production was estimated at 5.50 billion pounds, up slightly from 2018. Planted area was estimated at 1.43 million acres, up less than 1 percent from 2018. Harvested area was estimated at 1.39 million acres, up 1 percent from 2018. The average yield was estimated at 3,949 pounds per acre, down 52 pounds from 2018.

All cotton production is estimated at 20.1 million 480-pound bales, up 9 percent from 2018. The United States yield is estimated at 817 pounds per acre, down 47 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 11.8 million acres, is up 16 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was estimated at 19.4 million 480-pound bales, up 10 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 803 pounds per acre, down 44 pounds from 2018. Upland planted area, estimated at 13.5 million acres, was down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 11.6 million acres, was up 16 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 229,800 acres in 2019, down 8 percent from 2018. Harvested area, at 224,500 acres, was down 10 percent from the previous year. Production was estimated at 722 thousand 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2018. The United States yield was estimated at 1,544 pounds per acre, down 1 pound from the previous year.

Winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019 and down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2019 Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.